

# Arvada 5th Ward Newsletter

## December

### Underwear for Christmas

As a little boy growing up in the mining town of Price, Utah, his family did not have very much money. But, that did not stop Tom Campbell from being a top student in his junior high class and being one of the fastest runners in his school. However, he was flunking his physical education class because he would never change into his gym clothes like the rest of the young men. He wouldn't change because he was embarrassed of his underwear.

You see, their family was so poor that his mother would sew handmade underwear for him out of old flour sacks. His underwear had a draw string and there was writing all over each leg and the rear end. He would rather flunk his gym class than have the other kids in the school see his underwear and make fun of him.

Someone knew of his dilemma. One Christmas morning there was a box outside the family's door. In the box were gift wrapped presents for each of the family members. Everyone received something that was just right for them. Tom opened his gift and found brand new underwear. Just the right size and best of all, they were regular type!

Tom Campbell told this story as a Chaplain in the army. He went on to say what greater joy there must have been in the heart of the individual that lovingly placed the box of Christmas gifts on their porch. Then, he explained what tremendous joy there must have been in the heart of our Heavenly Father as he witnessed the unselfish and compassionate act of one of his children. He too had given a gift of love that brought so much joy and happiness into the world; His son, Jesus Christ.

During this holiday season, let us all remember the joy and happiness that comes from giving. Let us make a new year's resolution to give all year round. Why not give an anonymous gift to someone in need during the month of March, July or October? Why can't we mow our neighbor's lawn while they are on vacation? Why not visit the sick and the elderly? Why not invite a person or family over for lunch or dinner. There is much we can do to give of ourselves.

"And thus, in their prosperous circumstances, they did not send away any who were naked, or that were hungry, or that were athirst, or that were sick, or that had not been nourished; and they did not set their hearts upon riches; therefore they were liberal to all..." -Alma 1:30

